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## LATEST EXPERT SUGAR OPINION

Willett & Gray's Information on Crops Is Interesting This Week.

Willett & Gray's latest sugar circular issued under date of December 15, refers to the raw sugar market conditions as follows:

**Visible Supply.**—Total stock of Europe and American, 2,999,273 tons, against 2,666,368 tons last year at the same uneven dates. The increase of stock is 332,905 tons, against an increase of 298,992 last week. Total stocks and afloats together show a visible supply of 3,028,273 tons, against 2,688,368 tons last year, or an increase of 349,905 tons.

**Raw.**—Centrifugals were quoted last week at 4.05c, and are now 4c. per pound for 96 test basis. Cubas for December shipment have sold at 2 1/2c. (3.86c. landed). Sales of December shipment after this date will make the spot quotation.

The last reported sale of old crop Cubas, 5000 bags, was made on 13th for prompt shipment at 2.58c. c. and f. 96 test, basis equal to 4c. per pound, 96, as figured by refiners. Only four centrals are grinding in Cuba, against 25 last year, so that the small quantity of available sugar in January is strengthening the price situation. First half January has sold at 2 7/16c. c. and f. and at 2 1/2c. c. and f., and all January at 2 5/16c. c. and f., 96 test (3.67c. landed).

Moderate buying is reported from day to day, as sugars are offered amounting perhaps to about 200,000 bags this week of new crop. Sellers finally are inclined to raise their pretensions for early deliveries, and in view of the small remaining stock in the Four Ports, United States (73,273 tons), the situation for next thirty days at least looks steady. Beyond that the large crops of cane and beet sugar, say estimated two million tons in excess of last campaign, will naturally have an influence to lower prices all over.

Regarding crops, the estimates of the European beet crops continue to increase, and are this week raised to 7,947,000 tons by F. O. Licht, caused by continued favorable crop weather.

A new estimate of the Cuba crop is given by a correspondent of the Federal Refinery from Havana as 1,675,000 tons. Announced estimates of Cuba crop now stands from 1,675,000 tons to 1,900,000 tons, subject to change from time to time. Rains would benefit the crop in some parts. Porto Rico has not yet commenced crop making, but two factories will probably begin this week. Last year Porto Rico new crop sugar was arriving in the United States. Cane crops throughout are reported late in maturing.

Demerara and Brazil continue to send somewhat unfavorable reports. Philippines season is late in starting.

Java figures are given elsewhere. The last cargo of old crop arrived this week to the Howell refinery (purchased before arrival and delayed on passage). The European beet crop is enlarged by the increase in Germany of 72,000 tons to 2,572,000 tons. Whether other countries of Europe will require important changes is awaited with interest. Just now experts differ materially as to France and Russia. France has recently had stormy, unfavorable weather, while Russia reports the opposite. Austrian authorities agree on unfavorable conditions recently resulting in many beet roots still in the ground with little chance of harvesting them.

European market values have remained close to the cost of production point, with very small fluctuations, the close being 9s. 0d. for this month and 9s. 3 1/4d. for May delivery.

Receipts at Four Ports for the week 14,529 tons; meltings, 30,000 tons; stock, 73,273 tons, the smallest of the year.

A steady market for the present is expected.

## THAYER TRIED "N. S. F." GAME

A charge of passing worthless checks was the cause of Alford Finlay Thayer's arrest in Hongkong, according to Manila papers which have arrived here. Thayer was arrested late in November in Hongkong, a Manila paper has the following to say.

Mr. A. F. Thayer, the missing manager of the Calamba Sugar Estates Company, who has been missing for some weeks is at present in Hongkong where he has been detained by the officials of that city.

Word was received in this city yesterday that Thayer had been detained and that he was now in the hands of the law. The advice received is meagre, but it is to the effect that his detention was due to his passing checks on a local bank that were worthless, he having no funds for the payment of the same. Thayer is also wanted in this city.

"Do you tell your wife everything you do while she is away?" "No; the neighbors attend to that."—Houston Post.

## GRIM MURDER MYSTERY FOUND

Korean Strangled to Death on Premises of Hilo Police Captain.

HILO, Dec. 24.—One of the most mysterious murders that has occurred on this island for years past, was perpetrated in Kona last Wednesday. The police in Hilo have not as yet been able to secure the full details of the case, but they have learned enough to show that the case is one which it will require some detective ability to solve.

The murdered man was a Korean. He was strangled to death and the fact that the murder took place on the premises of Captain of Police Nahale adds grim interest to the case.

Captain Nahale himself made the discovery of the dead body of the Korean last Wednesday morning. He lived in a small house a short distance from the Nahale residence, which is at Kahala, some distance from other dwellings. The killing had evidently taken place less than an hour before the remains were found for the body was still warm.

The body was lying on the bed, and finger marks on the throat showed that the unfortunate man had been strangled to death. A mysterious feature of the affair lies in the fact that the clothing of the dead man had been stolen, and had, when the above information was received here, not been found, although a careful search had been made for it.

Other information as to important details of the case is lacking so far but from what is known the police authorities here believe that the perpetrator of the crime must have been a Korean. The fact that all the other nationalities here prefer a knife or a gun for killing purposes, while the Korean is inclined to use more fantastic methods of inflicting death, is the main basis for this theory. The dead man had lived in Kona for a long time. He had leased the plot of ground on which he was living, from another Korean who again had leased it from the Nahales. The police in Kona have indicated that they, also, have suspicions against Koreans, but whether these are based on more definite points than those of the police here is not known.

The matter was investigated by a coroner's jury in Kona, and a verdict that the deceased came to his death by being strangled has been returned.

## BOOZE DID IT SAID CLUNEY

"I have no recollection of having struck Mr. Bonine and inflicted the injuries attributed to me. I must have been drunk," was the brief statement made by John Cluney when called to account before District Magistrate Lymer this morning.

Cluney was arraigned upon a charge of assault and battery preferred by R. K. Bonine, the moving picture expert.

Bonine stated that he was descending the stairs at the Oregon block on last Monday and noticed a number of noisy chauffeurs and hackmen hanging about the entrance. As he reached the lower floor he felt a stinging blow on the back of the neck and turning around he was landed an uppercut on the mouth. He saw Cluney strike the blow and he was the only individual present at the time the unprovoked assault was made.

Cluney asked for leniency on the plea that he was drunk. "Marathon" Nigel Jackson was a witness called by Cluney and the fleet footed "Jack" added his mite to the picturesque testimony.

Prosecutor Brown said that Cluney had never appeared in court before and taking this fact into consideration Judge Lymer fixed a minimum penalty of fifteen dollars and the costs of prosecution.

## FROM TAHITI BUT DIDN'T KNOW DARLING

"Did you ever meet Darling, the nature man, unarrayed and unadorned, who once perambulated these streets?" was the inquiry launched at a South Sea Island native who was registered at the central station as plain and unadorned.

The man, who had been arraigned upon a charge of excessive inebriety, disclaimed any acquaintance with the once Honolulu wonder, though he persisted in claiming Tahiti as his place of nativity and home.

"I slipped away from Tahiti about a year ago," he finally stated in English after several attempts had been made to worm out a statement by the aid of a brilliant galaxy of interpreters.

"The day that I arrived here, I put up at this very same hotel," declared the unsophisticated Jack. That the Honolulu police station was not a caravansary did not dawn upon the man until he had been assessed a fine of four dollars and the costs and ordered down below to board it out.

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## AMERICAN HORSES BEST IN THE WORLD

Government Expert Declares That the Foreigner Has Been Passed in Race.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The American horse is the finest in the world and the United States now leads all nations in the breeding of horses, according to George M. Rommel, chief of the animal husbandry division of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Rommel who is in New York

for the horse show, declared on his arrival that nothing "but an ancient prejudice would lead people to buy imported stock when the American bred horse is obtainable."

Dr. Rommel paid his compliments to the old controversy as to whether the automobile is driving out the horse.

"Well," he said, "figures show that horses are not diminishing—in fact, that there are more horses in the country than ever. If the automobile has driven out the saddle and carriage horse generally, why is it that these are higher in price than before the

auto came? The people who, before the advent of the automobile were the best customers for saddle horses were such as could afford to have both horses and automobiles. When the auto came it drove out the cheaper grades, but the prices of the better ones went skyward. There is a better market than ever for the good horse and a poorer than ever for the poor one."

"What animal," said the teacher of the class in natural history, "makes the nearest approach to man?" "The flea," timidly ventured the little boy with the curly hair.—Chicago Tribune.



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